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UNCLAMIED AMOUNT IN POST-OFFICES
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of Post Offices in the country, State-wise;

(b) the total number of account holders with the Post Offices in the country alongwith the amount deposited therein;

(c) unclaimed amount out of the above lying with the Post Offices; and

(d) the manner in which the said amount is proposed to be utilised?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS AND INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY (SHRI JYOTIRADITYA M. SCINDIA)

(a) Total number of Post Offices in the country is 1,55,035 (as on 31.03.2008). State/Circle-wise details are given in Annexure.

(b) Total number of account holders with the Post Offices is 17,47,19,458 and the amount deposited therein is Rs. 3,45,434.15 crores as on 31.03.2008.

(c) & (d) No amount is lying unclaimed with Post Offices, as the depositors/claimants are free to claim their amount at any point of time. All the funds collected under Post Office Savings Schemes by post offices are transferred to Ministry of Finance, Department of Economic Affairs who utilize these funds for development and other purposes.